

SNARS Coronavirus Bored as Hell Antidote!

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PRODUCT REVIEW : DISCOVERY TX 500 TRANSCEIVER - Since last summer I have been working with a Russian company to bring their new QRP transceiver into the North American marketplace . TX 500 is built like a tank and has some features no other rig has ! Currently I have it at a US testing lab for FCC certification. We will hit the market in 60 days if they can get some parts made. You are getting to see the finished product before the whole ham community see's it .

<https://lab599.com/>



Save your money for it, hihi ! Price will be tween to Chinese and Elecraft transceivers . I have distribution set up for it and we waiting for inventory ! Instruction manual attached below.

RADIO HISTORY: "HAM" A THREE LETTER WORD!

The moniker "ham" as a nickname for amateur radio operators was initially an insult: Professional broadcasters referred to these amateur's as "as ham-handed." But the newly dubbed hams didn't let that stop them. Amateur radio operating took off at the beginning of the 20th century; by 1910, there were thousands of amateur radio operators, and things were getting noisy. Shoddy workmanship on homemade radios caused disruptive signals across all the bands of radio waves: The signal scattered like drops of paint, splattering onto other nearby bands and disrupting their communications.

The volume of chatter and the potential for disruptions to communications led to the Radio Act of 1912, which required amateur radio operators to be licensed and restricted them to use only a single short wavelength. Around 88 percent of hams quit the hobby,



HiramPercy Maxim, W1AW
ARRL Founder

thinking this band too weak and too short to allow them any real fun. The ones that stuck with it, though, were a dedicated lot. In 1914, Hiram Percy Maxim figured out that you could successfully transmit radio messages across long distances if you had other ham radio operators along the way to leapfrog the signal. He created the Amer-

ican Radio Relay League (ARRL) to organize hams across the nation. Today the United States is home to more than 700,000 licensed amateur radio operators .Around 40,000 of them are part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service . The amateur radio code:

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-code>



HOW TO: FIND AN ELMER - My Elmer was W1MB (W1QLD) Merrill Budlong and he was my hero! I've include his profile :

<http://soldersmoke.blogspot.com/2011/07/more-on-merrill-budlong-w1mb.html>

He led a full an rich life and many hams got their license because of him. I hope you enjoyed it?

<https://www.kb6nu.com/author/dan-kb6nu/>

Article

Amateur radio can be a complicated hobby. You will, undoubtedly, have questions about the technology, questions about the rules, and questions about operating procedures. An "Elmer" is someone who can help answer those questions and help you avoid some of the pitfalls of the hobby. He or she is a ham that you can go to when you have a question about what rig to buy, when you want to borrow an antenna analyzer, or when you're having trouble understanding a particular concept. If you haven't already, you might want to find an Elmer.

The term Elmer first appeared in the March 1971 issue of QST magazine. In that issue, Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, called them "the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio." He wrote that an Elmer is "the ham who took the most time and trouble to give you a push toward your license."

Where do you find an Elmer? Well, the first place you might look is the club you just joined. Lots of the "old timers" there are more than happy to help newcomers, and many clubs have "Elmer" programs. Ask for help and ye just may receive. Nowadays, you might find your Elmer online. There are lots of websites and mailing lists that are geared towards helping people become better amateur radio operators. One mailing list that I am a member of is the HamRadioHelpGroup mailing list.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HamRadioHelpGroup/>

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